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## December Hogs and Pigs

Michigan's total hog and pig inventory on December 1 was estimated at 1.22 million head, up 40,000 head from a year ago, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Region. Breeding hog inventory, at 120,000 head, was unchanged from last December. Market hog inventory, at 1.1 million head, was up 4 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the September to November quarter was 10.85, up 0.35 from the same period last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2019 was 77.3 million head. This was up 3 percent from December 1, 2018, but down slightly from September 1, 2019.

Breeding inventory, at 6.46 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 70.9 million head, was up 3 percent from last year, but down slightly from last quarter.

The United States September-November 2019 pig crop, at 35.1 million head, was up 2 percent from 2018. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.17 million head, down 1 percent from 2018. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 11.09 for the September-November period, compared to 10.76 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.13 million sows farrow during the December 2019-February 2020 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and up 5 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for March-May 2020, at 3.15 million sows, are up slightly from the same period one year earlier, and up 3 percent from the same period two years earlier.

### Hog inventory and farrowings: Michigan and United States, December 1, 2019

Hogs and pigs	Michigan			United States		
	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019	Change
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Breeding	120	120	0	6,326	6,461	2
Market	1,060	1,100	4	68,745	70,877	3
Under 50 pounds	320	330	3	21,858	22,128	1
50-119 pounds	280	300	7	19,369	19,696	2
120-179 pounds	210	210	0	14,323	14,976	5
180+ pounds	250	260	4	13,195	14,076	7
Total	1,180	1,220	3	75,070	77,338	3
Sows farrowed, Sep-Nov	54	55	2	3,205	3,166	-1
Pigs/litter, Sep-Nov	10.50	10.85	3	10.76	11.09	3
Pig crop, Sep-Nov	567	597	5	34,496	35,101	2
Sows farrowing, Dec-Feb <sup>1 2</sup>	56	58	4	3,099	3,129	1
Sows farrowing, Mar-May <sup>1 2</sup>	54	53	-2	3,133	3,147	0

<sup>1</sup> Intentions.

<sup>2</sup> Upcoming year.